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**General References**

**Moseley Property**

**OR 22:97 (29 Oct. 1947)** Robert and Arthur Davison to Laurence Moseley and Gertrude Moseley, his wife, begin at concrete monument on W line of Highway 101 opposite Engineers station 150 plus 16.93 and which is 942.79 ft. S and 592.20 ft. W of qt cor common to sections 22 and 23, 11N1E, th along W line of highway S 17 degrees 13 minutes W 255 ft., th at right angles N 72 degrees 47 minutes W 100 ft., th N 17 degrees 13 minutes E 255 ft.; th S 72 degrees 47 minutes E 100 ft. to point of begin, consisting of .585 acres.

**OR 1326:195 (2 Jan. 1976)** Laurence Moseley and wife Gertrude Moseley to John P and Mischelle L. Saffron, beginning at concrete monument on W lne highway opposite Engineer's station 150 plus 16.93 and which is 942.79 ft. S and 592.20 ft. W of qt corner common to sections 22 and 23, 11N1E; th N 72 degrees 47 minutes W 120 ft.; th S 17 degrees 13 minutes W 400 ft. to N line county road; th Ely along Nl ine of road to intersection with highway 101; th N 17 degrees 13 minutes E along W line highway 400 ft. to point of beginning.

**OR 1322:519 (1 Feb. 1976)** Bulk Transfer. Moseley's Prairie Creek Motel to John and Mischelle Saffron, of Strout Realty, Crescent City.

AU (15 July 1949) Orick—Gloria Lewis to marry Darrel Nelson...Miss Lewis was feted at a prenuptial shower at the Valley Green Lodge by Mrs. Laurence Moseley and Mrs. Frank Getchell.. Laurence Moseley is having a number of cabin and garage units constructed on his property near the Valley Green Lodge. He is planning to build a new home later.

AU (28 Oct. 1949) Orick—Lawrence Moseley has completed the construction of three modern housekeeping cabins and garages which are beautifully finished both in the interior and exterior in the ever increasing in popularity, stained natural redwood. Foundations for three more similar cabins have been laid, and will be constructed in the near future on Moseley's property near the Valley Green Lodge....

AU (7 July 1950) Auto Court Opens in Orick Locality—Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Moseley recently completed construction of the second unit of three cabins and opened the Moseley Court for tourists, located in Orick. The court is the first in the community finished in the modern rustic style of stained natural redwood. The court is near the Valley Green and its rustic architecture blends well with the natural surroundings.

The Moseley Court consists now of two, three-cabin units, finished on the outside with the stained tongue and groove redwood with cream trimming. The walls of the interior are finished in cream plaster, varnished pine floors and include modern gray furniture. A kitchenette and shower is provided for the convenience of the overnight guests. The Moseleys plan to build a

three bedroom home for themselves, which will be located in the center of the cabin units. This also will be finished in the same rustic style architecture.

A woven redwood lumber fence enclosing the cabin units is an outstanding feature of the court. The grounds are to be planted with lawns in addition to the many colorful flowers and ferns which will complete the rustic outdoor landscaping.

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AU (12 Feb. 1976) Orick News—Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Moseley are retiring from the motel business and the new owners, Mr. and Mrs. Seffron have bought the court. The Moseleys said they enjoyed the 25 years they had the court, but they also welcome the rest and look forward to future plans.

The Moseleys came to Orick in 1945 when Mr. Moseley started to work for Mr. Weir of Arcata Redwood Co. He operated the cat for 22 years, logging along May Creek and back of the present cat shop. After that he ran the LeTourneau, loading and feeding the mills at Mill B and Mill A. In 1966, he retired from Arco and went salmon fishing in his boat. He plans to keep right on trolling out of Trinidad when the season opens.

Mrs. Moseley remembers when they moved to Orick in the boom years and first lived a few months at McBride's just south of the school. Mr. Weir ask her to come cook at Valley Green where Arcata Redwood Co. had cabins for crew and a cookhouse (present offices). So she cooked at Valley Green for seven and one-half years and enjoyed it. The meals were served family style and cost 65 cents in the beginning. She started with a regular crew of eight men and ended with 28 regulars. It was at her suggestion Mr. Libbey started to have the board of directors meet at Valley Green. The office crew came each year also.

In 1949 the Moseleys started to build the motel adding three units every year until completed. In the back of the motel was a beautiful garden they call Ann's garden because Ann

Moseley worked hard in it. Mrs. Gertrude Moseley is moving to Caspar, south of Fort Bragg, which is her old home town to live with her mother. Girt's Retreat, she calls it. Their son Billy Hughes, lives with his family in Santa Cruz. Their daughter Caroline, Mrs. Max Corning, lives with her family in Eureka.

The Moseleys are part of Orick to their many friends here. They were active members of Orick's Little Catholic Church.

Mr. and Mrs. John Seffron and daughter, Johnna, nine, are now residents of Orick. February 1, they became the new owners of Moseley's Court, north of Orick on Highway 101, where the Davison Road turns west to Fern Canyon and Gold Bluffs Beach. They have two daughters, Shelly is married and lives elsewhere and Johnna entered 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Orick school.

Mr. Seffron has done construction work for 20 years with U.S. Steel, working on bridges, buildings, powerhouses and iron work all over the United States. They came to Orick from Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he worked on the tallest building in Oklahoma, the new Williams Center. He has worked on Carquinez Bridge, 747 Boeing Plant in Everett, Wisconsin, Libby Dam in Montana on the Kootenie River, The U.S. Steel mill in Antioch and many more.

Mrs. Mitzi Seffron, busy getting settled, and painting, and learning about motel business, said she is originally from Oakland and has enjoyed traveling on the construction jobs. At times they lived three years in one place. About the most interesting was the year in Genoa Italy....

Mrs. Seffron hopes, after they get settled, to open the coffee shop for the tourist season. They chose the northwest coast because they think this part of the country is about the prettiest anywhere that they have seen.

AU (9 Dec. 1976) Orick News—Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Byler are the owners of Moseley's Prairie Creek Motel some five miles north of Orick. They bought the motel from Mr. and Mrs. Seffron Oct. 20 and the Seffrons returned to Nebraska.

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Mr. and Mrs. Byler came to Orick from Fort Bragg where they owned the Snug Harbor Restaurant at Noyo Harbor. They know this area well and like it here. For years they have come to Klamath during the salmon season.

The sign at the motel will read Byler's Prairie Creek Motel and Ceramic Shop. They will not have a coffee shop. Mrs. Betty Byler is an artist in her hobby of ceramics. "A ceramic nut," she calls herself. The last unit on the south end of the motel will become the Ceramic Shop.  
[more about ceramics]

AU (7 Dec. 1978) Orick News, Thelma Hufford. Byler's Motel has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Dolson from Torrance, Calif., who moved in the end of November. Bylers building house south of old bulk plant.

AU (19 July 1984) Orick News—Arcata Redwood Co. office buildings and two cabins at Valley Green have been painted a soft attractive beige with brown trim. The old Geneva office building,

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AU (14 April 1989) Orick News—Fire at Prairie Creek Motel; office and manager's quarter burned. In front of motel are three dawn redwoods, planted by the Mosleys when they built the motel in early 1950s.

### **Berry Glen**

**Deeds 243:470 (18 April 1940)** Emma Richl Leach to George A. and Jean L. Battrell, beginning at NW cor NE qt NE qt sec 27, 11N1E, th on subdivision line S 1 degree 15 minutes W a distance of 440.7 feet to N line county road, known as the Klamath Wagon Road; th following N line of road S 87 degrees 30 minutes E 220 feet and N 55 degrees E 194.5 feet and N 6 degrees 40 minutes E 400 feet to N line sec; th along sec line S 81 degrees 59 minutes W 420 feet to point of beginning, all as located in Survey No. 153, made Aug. 1917 by F.E. Herrick (Surveys 7:47), 4.07 acres on survey map.

Also right to use water of creek running through premises so long as said waters are not already in use by grantor. Also except highway right of way granted by E.H. Leach (Deeds 176:446). Also except right of way necessary for removal of timber from remaining land in NE qt sec 27 owned by E.A. Leach in 1936.

**OR 59:27 (30 June 1948)** Lease George A. and Jean L. Batrel to General Petroleum Corporation for 60 months, property described in Deeds 243:470.

**OR 200:241 (1 March 1952)** Notice of Intended Sale of Business and Transfer of Stock in Trade—George Alfred Batrel and Jean L. Batrel, residing at Berry Glen near Orick, Humboldt county, vendors, intend to sell to John L. Rudick and Alice J. Rudick, residing in Eureka, vendees, the following described personal property: certain grocery and service station business designated as “Berry Glen.” Sale to be consummated at office of J. Thomas Fraser, attorney, 611 4<sup>th</sup> St., Eureka, on 17 March 1952.

**OR 582:10 (18 April 1960)** Notice of Transfer of Stock-In-Trade. Jean Batrel of Orick does intend to sell and transfer to James Smith of Orick all that certain personal property, stock-in-trade business and good will of that store known as the Berry Glen Grocery, north of Orick

**OR 606:400 (30 Sept. 1960)** George A. Battrell and Jean L. Battrell to Ora Jean and Paul Phillip Leazer, beginning at NW cor NE qt NE qt sec 27, 11N1E; th on subdivision line S 1 degree 15 minutes W a distance of 440.7 ft. to N line county road, known as Klamath Wagon Road; th following N line of road S 87 degrees 30 minutes E 220 ft. and N 55 degrees E 1945 ft.; and N 6

degrees 40 minutes E 400 ft. to N line of section; th along sec line S 81 degrees 59 minutes W 420 ft. to point of beginning.

Also right to use waters of creek running through premises so long as said waters are not already in use by Emma Richl Leach, as reserved in deed to George and Jean Battrell by Leach, 18 April 1940 (Deeds 243:470).

BLA (2 Dec. 1944) Orick, Nov. 30—Mr. and Mrs. Amos Cooper of Berry Glen are the parents of a baby girl.

BLA (23 March 1946) Orick—A crew of workmen for the PG&E have been in Orick for several weeks putting in poles and extending the power lines to the coast and north to Prairie Creek State Park. Among the new customers are Elvin Hilton, Dale Shamps, Siren Kring, Alex Bane, the Hufford Ranch, and the Ed White stock farm. The State Park area will serve Jack Robinson, Vernon Peugh, George Batrel, Robert Davison, the Libby logging works and cook house at Valley Green and the State Park.

BLA (20 Sept. 1947) Orick—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Batrel returned Monday from a two-week trip to their old home in the Ozark Mountains in Missouri. They took the northern route via the Columbia River highway, saw Yellowstone Park, etc., but found the climate too hot in the east and were happy to return to the cool redwoods. Their daughter, Mrs. Daniel Poe, was in charge at Berry Glen during their absence.

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HT (22 June 1966) Batrel, George A., June 20, 1966, Orick. Husband of Mrs. Jean O. Batrel of Orick. Father of Mrs. Ora Leazer of Orick, brother of Charlie Batrel of Marysville, Mrs. Rose Anderson of Eureka, Mrs. Sarah Kittjmilller of Pasadena, Mrs. Mae Bishop, Norwalk, Mrs. Laura Hauworth. Grandfather of Sonja Poe, Ora Poe and Paul Leazer, Jr., all of Orick, Sandra Griffith,

Arcata. Great grandfather of Robert Griffith, Jr., Orick. Honorary member of Orick Valley Grange. Native of Washington, age 80, burial Trinidad cemetery.

AU (13 Jan. 1977) Orick News—more about fern picking...Ora Leazer picked on own land at Batrel's north of Orick. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Batrel had a grocery store and gasoline pumps at Berry Glen. Other pickers mentioned... Ora also remembers the moss gatherers. She saw them peel moss from the maples around their place at Berry Glen. It was used to pack the fern and for display purposes around potted plants and around burls.

AU (22 Feb. 1979) Orick News, Thelma Hufford, Jean Batrel lives at Berry Glen, two and a half miles north of Orick. She and her husband, Jack, and their daughter Ora, moved there in 1931. Mrs. Batrel, 77 next October, busy working and gardening, happily recounted memories of Orick.

She was born Oct 15, 1900 in Newville, Tehama County. It's a ghost town now, she said, with a cemetery left on the east slopes of the coast range. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oakes, and her brothers Ralph, Glen, and Paul, moved to Guerneville by team and wagon. Her father worked for George P. McNess, a big feed store making four-foot wood for fireplaces. The family moved to Willits and her father worked for a tan bank amp in summer and for Erving and Muir Lbr. Co. in Willits.

Jean went to Sawyers District School, a mile away. Jean missed a year of school one winter when she had typhoid pneumonia, scarlet fever and rheumatic fever, and then spent five months recuperating in bed. She finished 8<sup>th</sup> grade in Ukiah. During World War I, her mother worked in Hercules Powder Plant in Pittsburg, Calif., and Jean went with her mother and worked in a laundry, mangling and folding clothes. She remembers the awful flu epidemics and seeing great numbers of bodies being carried away.

In 1919, she married Jack Batrel, a carpenter, in Ukiah. They moved to Colusa, where their daughter, Ora, was born. Her father, Mr. Oakes, had bought a ranch near Live Oaks and the Batrels farmed there for three years. They moved around from Washington, Oregon and back to California. They bought some farmers out and the Oakes and Batrels moved to Humboldt in July 1931 from Live Oaks.

Jean drove a Motel T Ford touring car. Some rich dude had owned the car and it had windows that folded up on a hinge on the inside. Ora and a German shepherd sat in the box seat. Jack Batrel and her father drove ahead in a Ford truck loaded with cages of foxes and mink. The mothers of the animals were excited during the move and killed their young. Glen and Paul Oakes drove another truck.

They drove on the road from Yreka to Gottville, to Happy Camp, to Orleans, to Weitchpec and over the Bald Hills to Orick in July 1931! Even today that road is a feat to drive. The trip took about three days and they camped along the way.

They had bought the property at present Berry Glen from a man named Ed Leach (right name for him, said Mrs. Batrel). The lower part of the land had to be filled in. It was all swamp, brush and trees. The shanty, when they arrived, had no floor. The highway in 1931 was just being finished and the old county road followed the contour of the hill on the east. Their present house is built back there below the hill.

Mrs. Batrel remembers Sidney Foster driving the McConnaha stages in those days. Those were the depression years and Jack Batrel worked all over on Orick School, at the 3C camp at Prairie Creek, at Benbow, at Lost Man Fish Hatchery and at Myrtle Creek. The foxes and the

mink had to be cared for. They got surf fish and salmon for them. The salmon had to be cooked for the foxes. The mink were mean and their bite would sting like a bee sting. They got rid of the mink...The eventually got rid of the foxes, too. And the worked hard clearing the land and planting garden and strawberries. Jack built a stand along the highway to sell vegetables and berries.

In 1938 they started the Berry Glen store. During the summer months, Mrs. Batrel made and sold berry pies, strawberry shortcake, jellies and jams, and home-made ice cream. They picked wild blackberries. She started at 2 a.m. and made from 15 to 45 pies a day, baked them in a wood stove, two at a time. She made the dough in a big granite bowl, two feet across and dumped in flour and shortening. In 1942, World War II days, shortening was rationed.

Neighbors Mrs. Batrel remembers were the Davisons up the road. Grandma Davison drove a two-door Ford touring car, one of the first V8s. Mr. McIntosh owned property at the present Geneva Mill site. He had an orchard and a cow. He used to by 50 pounds of cornmeal and 100 pounds of flour, beans, bacon and ham. Jack hauled the groceries to his house and he always paid in cash.

He was a nice old man, said Mrs. Batrel. He told Jack that the man who lived on his place, a burl seller, killed his dog and knocked the horn off his cow, and said he would be next. Verne Davison found Mr. McIntosh lying on the table, stabbed up through the throat. They never found the murderer, but think he was looking for money.

Enos Bravo was another neighbor who lived along the highway south of the park. He raised bees and sold honey and bear oil. Later he moved to live with his sister Mrs. Paine at Klamath, where he died.

At the fish hatchery, she remembers George Null and his wife, Elsie, and Virgil Emms and Lyle. Bill and Pearl Peugh and their family lived on the road leading up to the Bald Hills, where ARCO Mill A now stands. Lambersons ran a restaurant at Valley Green and sold out to Arcata Redwood Co. Jack and Ermina Robinson and Bert and Wally Robinson lived on the hillside above Prairie Creek south of Skunk Cabbage. John Clovis had the shingle mill on the Gold Bluffs road....

In 1950, they closed the store and Mr. Batrel died in 1966 at age 81. Now Jean lives at Berry Glen in the big house against the hill with her daughter, Ora and son-in-law, Paul Leazer, and one of her granddaughters, Sonja.

Mrs. Batrel works in the garden and assists Ora with her nursery plants and works in the house. In her spare time, she has just crocheted 25 perfectly beautiful afghans. She is well and spry, has a keen memory and a great sense of humor. A most remarkable person.

HT (15 Oct. 1986) Jean L. Batrel died Oct. 13 in Eureka at the age of 86. She was a native of Newville and a resident of Orick. Mrs. Batrel came to this area in 1931. She was a devoted homemaker. Mrs. Batrel was co-owner of Berry Glen Grocery Store in Orick for over 40 years. She enjoyed her home, garden and ranch work.

Mrs. Batrel is survived by her daughter, Ora Leazer of Orick, her brother, Glen Oakes of McKinleyville and her grandchildren, Sandra Omstead, Sonja Page, Ora Bensin, Pearl Leazer, Robert Griffith, Kimberly Griffith, Mechael Omstead, Amanda Omstead and Tracy Benson. She



was preceded in death by her husband, George Alfred Batrel in 1965 [1966] and by two brothers Paul A. and Ralph F. Oakes. Inurnment Ocean View Cemetery.

### **Valley Green**

**Deeds 229:143 (9 April 1937)** Irene M. and Arthur S. Davison to Ray G. and Hazel C. Lamberson, beginning at a point on sec line located S 1 degree 17 minutes E 511 feet from quarter sec corner between sections 22 and 23, 11N1E, this being the intersection thereof with E side California State Highway distant S 32 degrees 10 minutes E 50 feet from Highway Engineers station 157+59.72; running thence along E side of highway S 57 degrees 50 minutes W 259.72 feet to a point distant S 32 degrees 10 minutes E 50 feet from Highway Engineers station 155; th S 36 degrees 36 minutes W 328.95 feet to a point on E side of the highway distant S 72 degrees 47 minutes E 50 feet from Highway Engineer's station 149; th S 17 degrees 13 minutes W along E line of highway 350 feet to subdivision line running E and W through center sec SE qt sec 22; then Ely on line 670 feet to sec line between sections 22 and 23; th on sec line N 1 degrees 17 minutes W 813 feet to place of begin, all lying in NE qt SE qt sec 22, 11N1E, 7.31 acres. Excepting all timber of every species both standing and down upon that portion of said land which lies east of the Klamath Wagon Road, with right of entry and right of way for logging roads which may be necessary for the purpose of removing said timber as granted by Davison to E.A. Leach 4 Oct. 1917.

**Deeds 242:314 (24 Nov. 1939)** Arthur S. and Irene M. Davison to Ray G. and Hazel C. Lamberson, commencing at qt sec cor on E line sec 22, 11N1E; th S 1 degrees 17.25 E along sec line 394.58 feet to highway as deeded (Book 173:10); th along highway S 57 degrees 50 minutes W 411.14 feet; th continuing along highway on a curve to left with radius of 600 feet through angle 17 degrees 59 minutes a distance of 188.32 feet; th leaving highway N 5 degrees 9 minutes W 100 feet; th from a tangent that bears N 39 degrees 51 minutes E on a curve to the right with radius of 700 feet through on angle of 17 degrees 59 minutes a distance of 219.71 feet; th N 57 degrees 50 minutes E 121.48 feet; th N 1 degrees 17.25 minutes W parallel with sec line 850 feet to center of Prairie Creek; th Nely along center of creek to E line sec 22; th S 1 degrees 17.25 minutes E along sec line 560 feet to point of begin. 7.5 acres.

**Deeds 271:462 (30 Jan. 1945)** Hazel and Ray Lamberson to Howard A. Libbey [Arcata Redwood Co.] Parcel 1, 7.31 acres per Deeds 229:143; Parcel 2, 7.5 acres per Deeds 242:314.

BLA (29 July 1933) Orick, July 24—Mr. and Mrs. George H. Lamberson and daughter Catherine, and David Gault of Portland, are visiting the R. Lamberson home at Valley Green.

BLA (18 Nov. 1933) Orick, Nov. 19—Mrs. Ray Lamberson was hostess to a group of her friends Tuesday afternoon, when she entertained at a bridge party at her home in Valley Green. Guests were Mrs. J. Webster, Mrs. Pete Kring, Mrs. Charles Boyes and Mrs. Leo Carr.

BLA (15 Nov. 1934) The inter-club meeting held Tuesday evening at Valley Green Lodge near Orick by the Crescent City and Eureka Business and Professional Women's Clubs, proved a huge success both from the standpoint of attendance and entertainment.

Dinner was served out of doors at tables arranged around a mammoth bonfire which cast its glowing warmth and light on the guests....Mrs. E. Lamberson of the lodge was hostess in charge of arrangements....

BLA (24 July 1943) Orick—Ray Lamberson, genial host of Valley Green Lodge, was home for a couple of days. He is employed in one of the defense plants in the bay area....

Mrs. Ray Lamberson of Oakland was home from several days and conducted a very successful sale of the equipment of Valley Green Lodge about [illegible] miles north of Orick.

BLA (17 Nov. 1945) Orick, Nov. 15—Mrs. Peter Beaver is working for a few days as cook for the boarding house for the Libby Company.

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BLA (26 March 1949) It is learned that Ray G. Lamberson died at his home in Draen, Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Lamberson owned and operated the Valley Green Lodge three miles north of Orick for a number of years, closing shortly after World War II began, when food commodities became scarce. Afterwards the resort was sold to the Arcata Redwood Company who uses the lodge as logging headquarters.

AU (29 April 1949) Orick--....Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Palascini of the Valley Green Lodge have new son.

AU (26 Aug. 1976) Orick News, Thelma Hufford. Libbeyville—that's the name for the group of houses back (north) of Arcata Redwood Mill A and named for Howard Libbey. Geneva is the place name for the Arcata Redwood Mill houses at the old Geneva Mill site across the highway from the hatchery. Valley Green is the place where Arcata Redwood houses are located across the highway from the present ARCO offices. Before World War II, Mrs. Lamberson ran a restaurant and cabins there.

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AU (15 July 1949) Orick—Gloria Lewis to marry Darrel Nelson...Miss Lewis was feted at a prenuptial shower at the Valley Green Lodge by Mrs. Laurence Moseley and Mrs. Frank Getchell..

AU (4 Jan. 1979) Orick News, Thelma Hufford. Residents of Valley Green ARCO housing have an elk herd grazing in their yards. About nine elk have been coming and going to eat the green grass in the area.

AU (6 May 1988) Orick News—Some Orick residents were surprised to learn of Simpson Timber Company's plans to buy out Arcata Redwood Co. Others say they had been hearing rumors for quite awhile. Those who work for Arcata Redwood Co. are certainly wondering what happens after June 30.

Arcata Redwood Co. was formed in July 1939 with Howard Libbey as its first president. The first mill was in Arcata—that's how Arcata Redwood Co. got its name. Barney Miller was the second president and Bernette Henry was the third. Harry Weir became first logging superintendent for Arcata Redwood in September 1942, when Hill-Davis sold the first logs to ARCo. In 1948, property at Brainard mill site was acquired and offices built there in 1952 and 1956, said the secretary at the offices. Harry Weir was woods superintendent until 1968.

Mill B, which was located on Davison Road just west of highway 101, was completed in November 1952, and shut down in October 1970.

Mill A in Orick on Bald Hills Road just east from Highway 101 was built in 1960. Mill A has been operating since then.

Arcata Redwood Co. Logging Headquarters are located at Valley Green about 2½ miles north of Orick on Highway 101. The main building and cabins were built in the 1930s by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lamberson for a dining room and tourist cabins. Arcata Redwood Co. bought the property during World War II and Mr. Weir was logging superintendent at the time. Mrs. Gertrude Moseley was cook at Valley Green for 7½ years. She cooked for the crew who lived in the cabins and for the directors when board meetings were held at Valley Green. Later Arcata Redwood built houses for employees across the highway from the logging headquarters and those houses at that site are called Valley Green houses.

Arcata Redwood also bought property at the old Geneva Mill site and built and managed houses for employees there. The site is now known as Old Geneva.

Jim Brown is land and timber manager for Arcata Redwood and has offices at Valley Green logging headquarters with his staff of foresters.

AU (18 April 1990) Orick News—Property known as Valley Green Houses and the old Geneva Mill sites owned by Simpson (formerly Arcata Redwood Co.) was sold March 29 to Dave Schneider of Pacific Affiliates in Eureka. The sale included property on the west side of

Highway 101 (north of Davison's fields) with the houses and Blankenships truck garage and land where Tutor Saliba's equipment yard and barns and office are located and the two-story building used by Caltrans.

Alms Davison said that land in years gone by was owned by Arthur Davison. North of Skunk Cabbage was the Palmgren Place bought by the Davisons. The Geneva mill site long ago was Bob McIntosh's place.

### **Tennessee Auto Court Tony Herzog**

**Deeds 216:70 (20 Aug. 1934)** W.M. Baker to A.C. Herzog and Sadie Herzog, his wife, that portion of W half SW qt sec 34, 11N1E, bounded on W by W line sec 34 and State Highway; on E by old county wagon road between Trinidad and Crescent City, commencing on W line sec 34 at point distant S 31 minutes W 1436.5 ft. from qt sec cor on W line sec 34; th N 33 degrees 57 minutes E 310 ft.; th N 9 degrees 56.5 minutes E 595 ft.; th N 16 degrees 58 minutes E 370 ft. to point of intersection with highway; th following same S 26 degrees 57 minutes W 750 ft. to W line of sec; th on sec line S 31 minutes W 450 ft. to place of begin, 2.5 acres.

**OR 464:406 (28 Oct. 1957)** Superior Court. A.C. Herzog died 3 June 1957; community property remains with widow Sadie Herzog, one-half interest in that portion of W half SW qt sec 34, 11N1E, bounded on W by W line sec 34 and California State Highway, and bounded on E by old county wagon road between Trinidad and Crescent City, 2 ½ acres. W.M. Baker and Sadie Herzog as joint tenants, begin at a point on E line highway 1458 ft. N and 103.89 ft. W of SW cor sec 33, 11N1E; th S 63 degrees 3 minutes E 135.52 ft. to E line sec 33; th along same N 38 minutes E 305.68 ft. to E line of highway; th S 26 degrees 57 minutes W 274 ft. to begin.

### **References**

HT (2 July 1933) Vacationland. Where To Stop, Dine, Rest and Play In the Redwood Empire's Wonderland. Map of Highway. Orick—Tennessee Auto Court.

[sidebar] Tennessee Auto Court, Orick. Five minutes to excellent salmon, steelhead, and trout fishing. New and modern cottages. Plenty of sunshine and beautiful scenery. The comfort of our guests is our slogan.

BLA (27 Jan. 1945) Mrs. A.C. Herzog of Somerton, Arizona arrived in Orick recently to renovate the Tennessee Auto Court in readiness for leasing.

BLA (2 March 1946), Orick, April 28—Mr. and Mrs. Ross Dillard and children of Eureka are at the Tennessee Auto Court while Mr. Dillard is helping Tony Herzog to repair a washout caused by the high water in December.

AU (11 Feb. 1949) Mrs. Edra Dillard and children who have been making their home with her parents the Tony Herzogs of the Tennessee Auto Court plan to return to their home in Blythe.

BLA (19 June 1952) Orick—Mr. and Mrs. Tony Herzog have moved into their beautiful new home at Tennessee Auto Court. The store is leased to the Norman Schirman family.

AU (18 Feb. 1955) News of Orick—Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schirmann who have been leasing the store owned by Mr. and Mrs. Tony Herzog, are retiring; Herzog will take over.

HT (5 June 1957) Anthony C. Herzog, proprietor of the Herzog Motor Court in Orick succumbed there Monday [3<sup>rd</sup>]. He was born 59 years ago in Concrete, North Dakota. Herzog had lived in Orick for the past 26 years where he operated a garage, motor court and grocery store. He was active in the Orick Grange. He leaves his wife, Sadie, daughter Mrs. Edna Dillard, Blythe; son Jack Delongs Grange [?], Fresno; mother Mrs. Marie Herzog of Concrete; brothers Mel and Conrad Herzog of Concrete.

AU (10 June 1976) Orick Resident Recalls Early Days by Savina Barlow re Hazel Blankenship. When the highway was being constructed through Orick in the 1920s, the Blankenships sold property east of the highway to Tony Herzog for the Orick Motel, now Abercrombie Motel. They also sold the Swan Auto Court and motel to Bob McNamara and the cabins to the Huffords. She has lived in the Blankenship farm house for more than 50 years.